

IN THE  
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO. 49T10-9309- TA- 70

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| TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> , | ) |
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| Petitioners,                      | ) |
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| STATE BOARD OF TAX                | ) |
| COMMISSIONERS,                    | ) |
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| Respondents.                      | ) |

**STATE BOARD'S  
SEVENTH MONTHLY REPORT**

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' seventh monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, 729 N.E.2d 242, 247. The report explains the State Board's activities during December 2000 to implement the Court's order. An outline of these activities is included as Exhibit A.

*Overall Schedule*

The State Board's First Monthly Report contained a proposed schedule for adopting a new assessment rule consistent with the Court's order. The Board's activities during December 2000 are in accordance with that schedule, and the State Board expects to maintain that schedule and meet the deadlines within it.

### *Work with Assessors*

The Assessor Advisory Committee did not meet in December, but members were provided with copies of the State Board's proposed rules. The group will meet in January to discuss the proposals after having adequate time to consider them

As described below under "Software," on December 4 State Board officials met with several dozen assessing officials to discuss software.

### *Rule Development*

On December 1, 2000, proposed assessment manual alternatives were made public, as described in the Sixth Monthly Report. After notice of publication in the December 1 *Indiana Register*, copies were made available by a variety of means, including at the State Board's website, on CD-Rom, and in hard copy at the State Board's office. Copies were delivered to all assessing officials during December.

### *Training*

In December, the State Board offered 15 sessions of a continuing education course explaining the methodologies of the three proposed reassessment rules. Although 18 classes were scheduled for December, three had to be postponed until January because of bad weather. The materials for this course were included as Exhibit C to the Sixth Monthly Report.

### *Software*

State Board personnel continued their regular meetings with the primary software vendor in the State to keep the vendor abreast of developments.

In December, three State Board officials also met with about 65 local assessing officials who use one type of software to discuss anticipated vendor certification and how the State Board's computer standards are to be applied.

### *Other consultations*

During December, various State Board officials met with officials from the Indiana Department of Commerce; the tax committee of the Indiana Manufacturers Association; the Indianapolis chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association; representatives of major gas pipeline companies; representatives of the Indiana Farm Bureau; and representatives of the electric utility industry. Some additional details of these meetings are contained in Exhibit A.

### *Statutory issues*

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During December, the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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